

Finn's Global Population Quest

Learning objective: To understand global population distribution, urbanisation, and the factors influencing human settlement patterns.

Join Finn the dolphin as he maps the world! Answer the following questions to test your knowledge of how and where people live across our planet. Read each question carefully and provide full sentences where required.

Answer Key: 1. B (Population density) 2. True 3. Urbanisation 4. B (People moving from rural areas to cities) 5. False (It refers to the number of people in a specific area) 6. A (A large city with over 10 million residents) 7. True 8. Climate (or availability of water/resources) 9. C (They are often near water or fertile land) 10. False

Word bank: Urbanisation · Population density · Migration · Rural · Settlement · Megacity · Resource · Climate

1. 1. What term do we use to describe the number of people living within a specific area, such as per square kilometre? A) Population migration B) Population density* C) Urban growth D) Settlement pattern (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Some parts of the world are 'sparsely populated' because the climate is too extreme, such as the Sahara Desert or the Antarctic. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the process where an increasing percentage of a country's population moves to live in towns and cities? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these best describes 'rural-to-urban migration'? A) People moving to farms B) People moving from countryside areas to cities* C) International travel D) Moving between two small villages (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A 'Megacity' is any town with more than 1,000 residents. (1 mark)

6. 6. What defines a 'Megacity'? A) A city with over 10 million residents* B) Any capital city C) A city that produces the most electricity D) A city with very few people (1 mark)

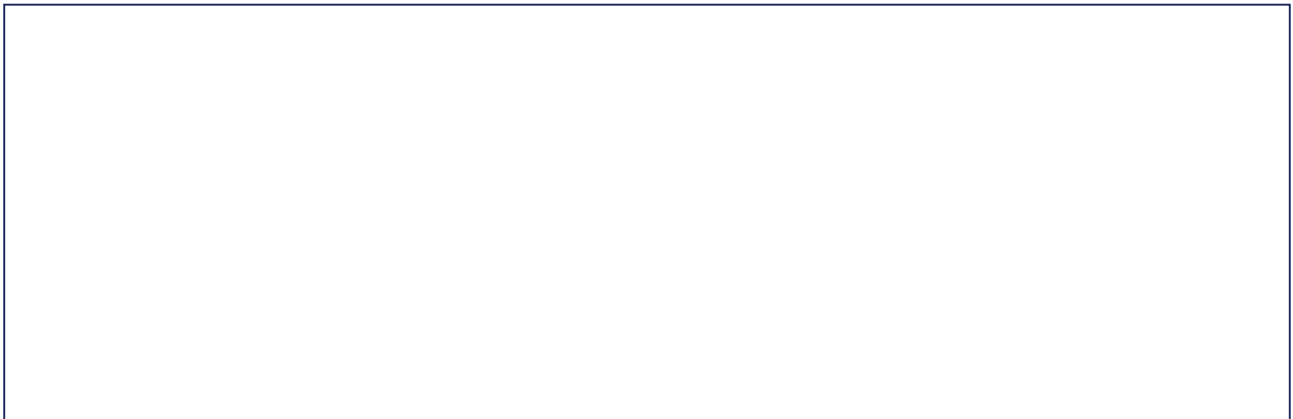
7. 7. True or False: Physical geography, such as the presence of rivers and flat land, often influences where people choose to build settlements. (1 mark)

8. 8. Name one 'push factor' that might cause a person to leave their home in a rural village to move to a city. (1 mark)

9. 9. Why are coastal areas often more densely populated than mountainous regions? A) Mountains are too cheap B) Coastal areas have no jobs C) Better trade links and access to resources* D) People prefer the cold (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Every country in the world has exactly the same population density. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view map of a 'Future City'. Include labels showing where people live (housing), where they work (offices/factories), and green spaces. Explain why you placed the housing near the water source.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why some countries have a high population density while others have a very low one. 2. Compare and contrast the daily lives of a child living in a densely populated megacity versus a child living in a remote rural village. 3. Justify your answer: Is it better for the environment if the world's population lives in one giant city or spread out in small, rural communities? 4. What might happen if a city grows too quickly without enough infrastructure like schools, hospitals, and housing? 5. If you were planning a new settlement, which three geographical features would you look for and why? 6. Research a specific megacity and present three reasons why its population has increased so rapidly over the last 50 years.